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Mexico Food Safety And Inspection Service released updated import requirements for Mexico on June 18, 2002. These import requirements include that raw poultry originating from the States of California, Texas, Maine, Virginia, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and West Virginia, unless destined for cooking in Mexico, are ineligible for export to Mexico.

All trucks or containers used for shipment of raw poultry to Mexico must be sealed from point of origin of the product. When certificates are issued, the seal number must be typed in the "Remarks" section of FSIS Form 9060-5 and must be unbroken upon arrival in Mexico. This requirement applies to all raw poultry including product for cooking in Mexico.

All raw poultry **except** poultry destined for cooking in Mexico must originate from birds tested by the "agar gel precipitin" method on each farm (defined as one house or multiple houses on one farm). Raw poultry is eligible for export to Mexico if: 1) the results of avian influenza testing are negative for 59 individual samples from a given farm lot, and 2) date of sample collection (as shown on the results) is within 21 days of date of slaughter for poultry (day of sampling should be considered as day 0).

If the producing establishment provides information that the shipment contains only poultry covered by the avian influenza test results presented, then the following statement should be entered in the "Remarks" section of FSIS 9060-5: *"The meat originates from flocks on farms from which 59 blood samples have been taken and tested for avian influenza using the agar gel precipitin test with negative results on _____ (date). During slaughter and processing, this meat was not mixed with birds or meat which had not met the foregoing requirements."*

For birds slaughtered before June 12, 2002, 35 blood samples are required to be tested in accordance with previous requirements; if birds were slaughtered before June 12, 2002, the above statement can be amended to replace 59 with 35. For birds slaughtered June 12, 2002 or after, 59 blood samples are required and the statement above is applicable. Raw poultry destined for cooking in Mexico - the avian influenza testing statement above is not required if the raw product is being shipped to one of the Mexican establishments designated by Mexican authorities for cooking.

Product consigned to TIF plants (federally inspected plants in Mexico) will have the physical inspection of the product at the TIF plant by the Mexican official stationed there, rather than at the border. This is only a change in the location of the inspection. It does not influence the rate of inspection. SARH has the authority to approve additional inspection sites in the future, including airports. No specific airports were named in the original regulation. Importers will need to make arrangements with the Mexican authorities for approval.

There are three options when product is rejected during inspection at a TIF plant.

The product can be shipped back to the U.S., processed into pet food, etc., or destroyed. Companies intending to bring rejected product back into the U.S. must contact FSIS Technical Service Center at (402) 221-7400.

For further information or questions please see www.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/export/mexico.htm

Source: USDA/FSIS

The Change to Food Standards Australia New Zealand

In mid-2002, the Australia New Zealand Food Authority (ANZFA) will be replaced by Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ). Both Board membership and the way that standards are developed will change as part of a broader package of reforms to the food regulatory system in Australia.

The new arrangements are expected to be implemented in mid-2002. While a new Intergovernmental Agreement between the Commonwealth, States and Territories has been signed and the legislation amended, revisions to the Treaty with New Zealand have not been finalized. It is expected that this work will be completed by July 2002.

Source: USDA /FAS

European Union The new European Union (EU) Hen Directive and the German Order for Keeping Laying Hens will have far reaching impacts not only on egg production and trade within Europe but also globally as the European Union will become a net importer of shell eggs. According to Hans-Wilhelm Windhorst, ISPA, University of Vechta, Germany, the Hen Directive would result in a decrease in EU egg production by around 11 billion eggs. "As a result the rate of self-sufficiency for the EU will contract from 103% (1999) to 96% (2012) and the EU will become a net importer of shell eggs," he added. He had calculated that between 5-6 billion Euros would be needed to fulfil the regulations of the Directive and that some 12,300 jobs would be lost.

However, for Germany the outlook was much worse as here the industry would also feel the impact of the Regulations of the German Order for Keeping Laying Hens. As a result of the German and EU regulations, he had calculated that German egg production from farms with 3000 or more hens, would collapse from 11.4 billion eggs to around 5.4b between 2000 and 2007. Germany's rate of self-sufficiency would fall from 74% to just 35% hence, shell egg imports would rise steeply from 4.5b eggs to about 10.5b from 2007 onwards and some 4300 jobs would be lost.

Germans were investing in new egg farms in Poland and Hungary. Large companies were transferring their cages from Germany to these farms with the view of continuing production in these facilities at least until 2012. He went on to say that smaller producers with less than 30,000 hens might well quit in 2007. Interviews with 68 producers showed that 62 planned to stop egg production by 2007.

Sources: International Egg Commission

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending June 15, 2002		Year-To-Date	
Type	2002	2001 /1	2002 2001
Liquid	353	249	8,309 5,224
Frozen	0	0	0 40
Dried	18	0	190 22
Total	371	249	8,499 5,286

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending June 15, 2002		Year-To-Date	
Type	2002	2001 /1	2002 2001
Liquid	167	105	2,471 2,390
Frozen	112	2	1,592 627
Dried	84	30	2,078 301
Total	363	137	6,141 3,318

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending June 15, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001 /1	2002 2001
Jumbo	30	0	1,125 87
Extra Large	835	1,776	12,544 21,305
Large	4,044	2,137	50,892 54,494
Medium	1,320	750	22,237 21,188
Ungraded	18,515	17,040	165,005 152,630
Misc	90	1,686	11,224 37,104
Total	24,834	23,389	263,027 286,808

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 15-Jun-02**(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,699	1,529	3,228
LAST WEEK	1,850	1,515	3,365
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,803	1,260	3,063
TO-DATE/2002	43,800	31,834	75,634
TO-DATE/2001	43,035	32,043	75,078

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	438	7	445
LAST WEEK	349	0	349
SAME WEEK YR AGO	435	0	435
TO-DATE/2002	7,750	38	7,788
TO-DATE/2001	11,660	185	11,845

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,137	1,536	3,673
LAST WEEK	2,199	1,515	3,714
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,238	1,260	3,498
TO-DATE/2002	51,550	31,872	83,422
TO-DATE/2001	54,695	32,228	86,923

SOURCE: USDA/AMS PLTRY PROGRAMS, MRKT NEWS BR.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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21-JUN-2002				
CHICKEN	PRICES	VOLUME		
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

21-JUN-2002				
CHICKEN	PRICES	VOLUME		
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	12.00-13.00	13.00-14.00	244,800	-
WTD AVERAGE	12.50	13.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.50-15.00	11.00-12.50	2,073,600	564,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.11	11.46		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

21-JUN-2002				
CHICKEN	PRICES	VOLUME		
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.20	-	180,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.20			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

21-JUN-2002				
CHICKEN	PRICES	VOLUME		
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	12.00-16.00	13.50-15.30	1,169,900	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.16	14.30		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.50-16.00	10.00-15.00	1,476,390	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.49	11.97		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 21 JUNE 2002.

The market on tom drums and necks was steady to instances weak, tom full-cut wings steady to barely steady and tom 2-joint wings at least steady. The hen parts market was mostly steady with 2-joints in the strongest position. Bulk parts demand was slow to moderate for domestic and export shipments. Tom offerings of drums and necks were adequate to instances burdensome, full-cut wings light to fully adequate, 2-joint wings light. Hen bulk parts offerings ranged from tight on 2-joints to sometimes adequate on the balance of items. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to instances weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Demand slow. Offerings ranged adequate to instances burdensome, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Trading was light for domestic and export shipments. Frozen 16-18 lb. WOGS traded at 68, Grade A non-basted 10-12 lb. breasts 96 and plant grade basted 8-10 lb. breasts 88 cents delivered. Hen necks traded at 16 cents delivered export.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	115	25.54	443
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	23.00-23.50		23.15	172	22.79	252
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	30.50	208	30.50	208
TAILS		R	18.00	400	18.00	400
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	17.00 48.00-58.00		17.00 56.00	52 260	16.91 54.02	260 1,308

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00-27.50		25.52	184
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	30.50	208
TAILS	18.00		18.00	400
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	19.00 47.00-53.00		19.00 49.55	40 408

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	26.00	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	30.50	208
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00-58.00	T	17.00 56.38	116 320

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00		26.00	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.50		30.50	208
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	17.00 53.00-55.00		17.00 53.40	116 200

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	23.73	260
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	15.00 59.00-60.00		15.00 59.67	52 120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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